



## ***Benefits of NW Fruit Membership***

NW Fruit is a 501(c) non-profit organization created thirty years ago. Your annual membership dues support the foundation that maintains the six-acre Fruit Garden, a collection of hundreds of varieties of fruit. NW Fruit offers members and the community hands-on opportunities to learn about fruit growing in our region through advocacy, education and demonstration.

- ◆ Field Days and Workshops are free to members.
- ◆ Apple & Pear Sample-the-Harvest Day, second Saturday in October, offers garden tours and lectures on growing and harvesting fruit. Members are offered samples of apples, pears, grapes, and sometimes cider, to take home. Crop quantities vary from year to year.
- ◆ Winter Field Day, second Saturday in March, offers tours, and lectures on fruit growing, grafting demonstrations, plus sale of scionwood and rootstocks for grafting apple, pear and other fruit trees.
- ◆ Workshops are held in Spring and Summer on learning to prune apple, pear, plum, and cherry trees, as well as blueberry bushes, grape and kiwi vines.
- ◆ As a member you may volunteer to work in the Fruit Garden on Thursday mornings, 9-12, and on designated Saturday mornings. Members receive instructions on maintaining the trees, safety, and growing conditions in the local climate. Membership is required for all volunteers to work in the garden.
- ◆ A picnic for volunteers is held in the summer
- ◆ Members receive the NWFRUIT newsletter three times a year with current information about the organization's activities and fruit growing. Membership ensures your inclusion in occasional emails about Field Days, special events and workshops that occur through the year.
- ◆ Your membership helps NW Fruit pay expenses for:
  - Events: auditorium rental, speakers & publicity
  - Garden Maintenance: tools & equipment

Members may attend board meetings, join committees and thereby participate in NWF planning. For further information send inquiries to [info@nwfruit.org](mailto:info@nwfruit.org).